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KOSHER SKI TOURS INC.,	Plaintiff,	20-CV-9815 VB-VR
-against- OKEMO LLC.,	Defendants.	ORDER RE SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE PROCEDURES

## **VICTORIA REZNIK, United States Magistrate Judge:**

This matter is scheduled for a telephonic settlement conference before Magistrate Judge Victoria Reznik on March 13, 2024 at 2:30 pm in Courtroom 420 at

HON. CHARLES L. BRIEANT JR.FEDERAL BUILDING AND COURTHOUSE,

300 QUARROPAS STREET

WHITE PLAINS, NY 10601.

The following procedures shall apply.

1. **Confidentiality.** All settlement conferences are "off the record" and strictly confidential. All communications relating to settlement may not be used in discovery and will not be admissible at trial.

## **REQUIRED**

2. *Ex parte* letter submissions. No later than five (5) business days before the conference, counsel for Defendant must send the Court <u>by e-mail</u> an *ex parte* letter, marked "Confidential Material for Use Only at Settlement Conference," which should not be served on the other parties or filed on ECF. The letter should be sent by e-mail to:

## ReznikNYSDChambers@nysd.uscourts.gov.

The *ex parte* letters must not exceed ten (10) pages in length (not including exhibits) unless permission to do so has been granted by the Court. The letter should include, at a minimum, the following: (1) the history of settlement negotiations, if any, including any prior offers or demands; (2) the key issues of fact and/or law in the case; (3) the party's evaluation of

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the settlement value of the case and the rationale for it; (4) any case law authority in support of

the party's settlement position; and (5) any other facts that would be helpful to the Court in

preparation for the conference. If a letter is accompanied by attachments exceeding ten (10)

pages, the submitting party shall deliver a hard copy of the letter plus attachments to the Court.

3. **Exchange of Demand/Offer.** If the plaintiff has not already made a settlement

demand, such a demand must be communicated to the opposing party no later than 14 days

**before the conference**. If it has not already done so, the opposing party shall respond to any

demand **no later than 7 days thereafter**. The parties should not wait for the settlement

conference to start negotiations of a resolution of their dispute.

4. **Attendance.** It is the Court's standard practice to require parties – and not just

counsel – to attend settlement conferences. A person with ultimate settlement authority on behalf

of each party must attend the settlement conference or otherwise be available by phone to

approve any proposed settlement. Any party who fails to comply with the attendance

requirements may be required to reimburse all other parties for their time and travel expenses, if

any, and may face other sanctions.

SO ORDERED.

DATED:

White Plains, New York

January 29, 2024

VICTORIA REZI

United States Magistrate Judge

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